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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 2-5, 8-14, 17, 49-52 and 56-57, the only claims pending and currently under examination in this application following entry of the above amendments.

It is noted that Claims 50 to 52 have been found allowable.

The Examiner is thanked for the interview held on February 25, 2004. In the interview, the Examiner acknowledged, in accordance with the reasons provided below, that Claim 8 is actually allowable and was erroneously rejected in the Office Action. In addition, the rejection over Southern in view of Webb was discussed, and the Examiner indicated that amending the claim to recite a solving of a problem not appreciated by the prior art may make the claims allowable over the cited art.

With respect to the information disclosure statement, it is noted that the Applicants did file all of the references cited on the previously submitted 1449. Enclosed please find a copy of the return receipt postcard. Enclosed please find another copy of the 1449 and the cited references. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references. Since this is merely providing another copy of that which was previously submitted, it is believed that no fee is due.

Claim 6 has been cancelled solely in order to expedite allowance of the present application and without prejudice to renewal. Such cancellation should not be viewed as an acquiescence by the Applicants to the Examiner's position. No new matter has been added and entry of the above amendments is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 10 has been amended to specify that the claimed method reduces any errors between the actual and target array patterns on arrays produced by the claimed methods. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 3, lines 29-32. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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